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# HOUSE RESOLUTION

RECOGNIZING AND CONGRATULATING THE 2017 HAWAII HEALTHCARE HEROES  
FOR THEIR OUTSTANDING WORK AND CONTRIBUTIONS TO PATIENTS  
AND THEIR FAMILIES ACROSS THE STATE.

1           WHEREAS, many of the state's healthcare professionals toil  
2 in anonymity, aiding those in need and providing comfort to  
3 families without recognition and doing so without any other  
4 intent or purpose but to improve the quality of life of patients  
5 and their loved ones; and

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7           WHEREAS, the Healthcare Association of Hawaii, an  
8 organization created in 1939 and representing 160 care provider  
9 organizations within the state, decided to provide a vehicle for  
10 patients to recognize healthcare professionals who have had  
11 profound impacts on the lives of these patients and their  
12 families; and

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14           WHEREAS, in 2017, five healthcare professionals were  
15 selected from a large field of nominees as representing the  
16 types of individuals who routinely provide a quality of care  
17 that goes above and beyond the call of duty; and

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19           WHEREAS, JESSICA ACKERMAN, APRN-RX, FNP-BC, a nurse  
20 practitioner at The Queen's Medical Center within Geriatric  
21 Services, has made a positive impact on her patients and their  
22 families, helping them face complex medical issues and  
23 empowering them to make difficult decisions, especially  
24 regarding end-of-life care; and

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26           WHEREAS, ANNE DEMPSEY, M.D. has been practicing internal  
27 medicine at Kauai Medical Clinic since November 2014, working to  
28 treat her patients with her masterful clinical and with  
29 unwavering compassion, and more importantly, making a difference  
30 in their lives by inspiring them to live healthier lives through  
31 diet and exercise; and



1 WHEREAS, GARY OSHITA, former P.E. teacher and personal  
 2 fitness trainer, is currently working as an activity coordinator  
 3 in the Recreation Therapy Department at Maluhia and is  
 4 responsible for planning, organizing, and implementing  
 5 activities and therapeutic recreational programs that enhance  
 6 the quality of life for both participants and nursing home  
 7 residents; and

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 9 WHEREAS, CHERI TERANISHI-HASHIMOTO, DPT, MS, WCS, CLT-LANA,  
 10 MSPT, is an assistant manager of KJ & Beatrice Luke Specialty  
 11 Clinic at Nuuanu and also serves as Program Director for Women's  
 12 Health & Cancer Rehabilitation at the Rehabilitation Hospital of  
 13 the Pacific, providing both management expertise and direct  
 14 patient care as a doctor of physical therapy; and

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 16 WHEREAS, BARON WONG, M.D. has pursued a career in a field  
 17 where he could make a difference in other people's lives, caring  
 18 for patients with compassion, love, and dignity as an internal  
 19 medicine physician, geriatric medicine specialist, and  
 20 hospitalist at Wahiawa General Hospital, Wahiawa Nursing &  
 21 Rehabilitation Center, and Bristol Hospice; and

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 23 WHEREAS, our Hawaii Healthcare Heroes give patients and  
 24 their families hope, comfort, and support during some of the  
 25 toughest times of their lives; now, therefore,

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 27 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the  
 28 Twenty-ninth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session  
 29 of 2018, that this body hereby recognizes and congratulates  
 30 these five outstanding individuals who treat their patients with  
 31 a level of compassion and care that far exceeds expectations,  
 32 and extends to them its warmest aloha and best wishes for  
 33 continued success in all future endeavors.

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